

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**


Claims 1-23 and 29-46 are pending.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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**Amendments to the Drawings:**

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 1-7. These sheets, which include Figs. 1-7 replace the original sheets including Figs. 1-7. Figs 1-7 previously had poor line quality.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

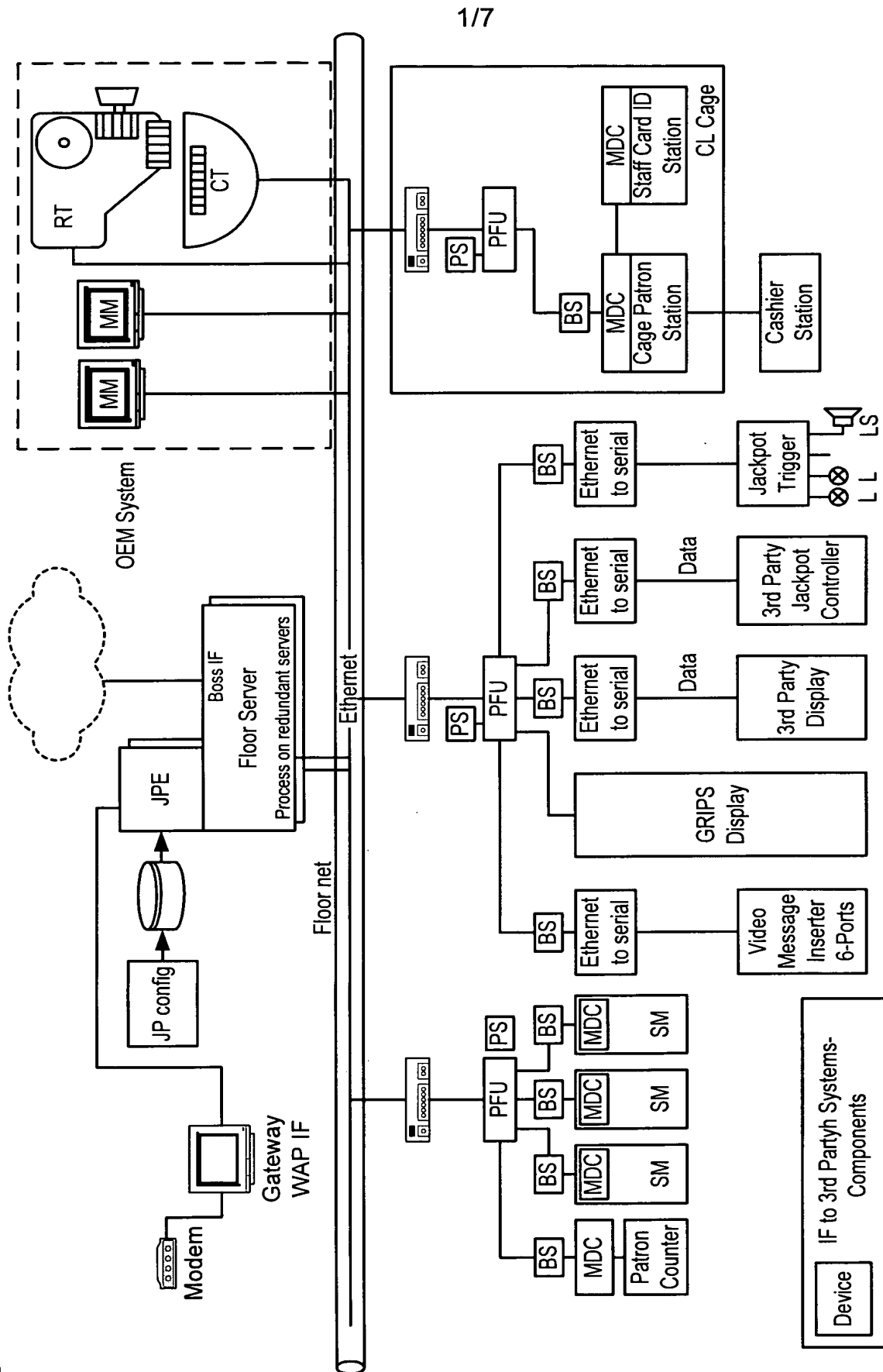


FIG. 1

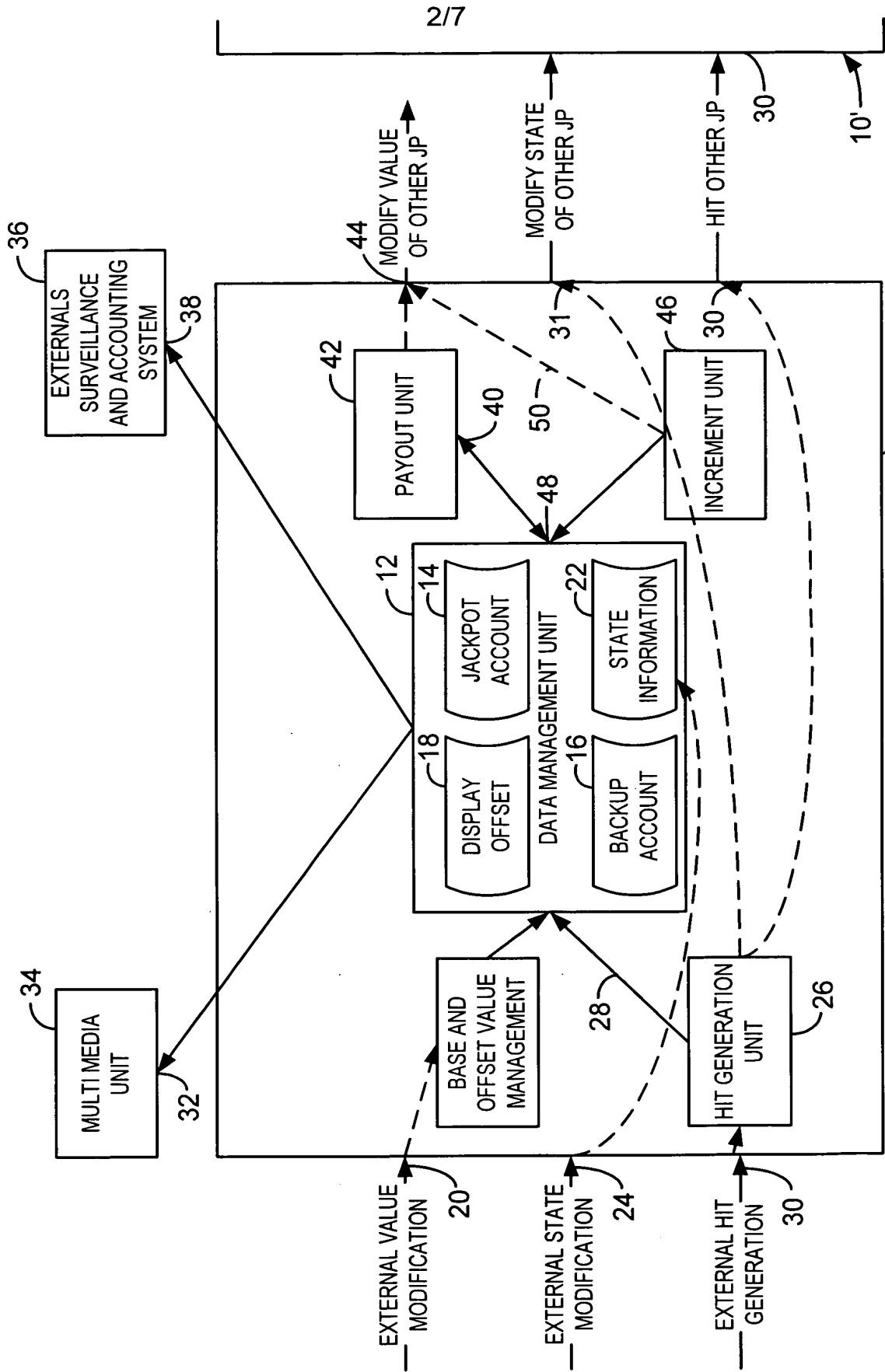
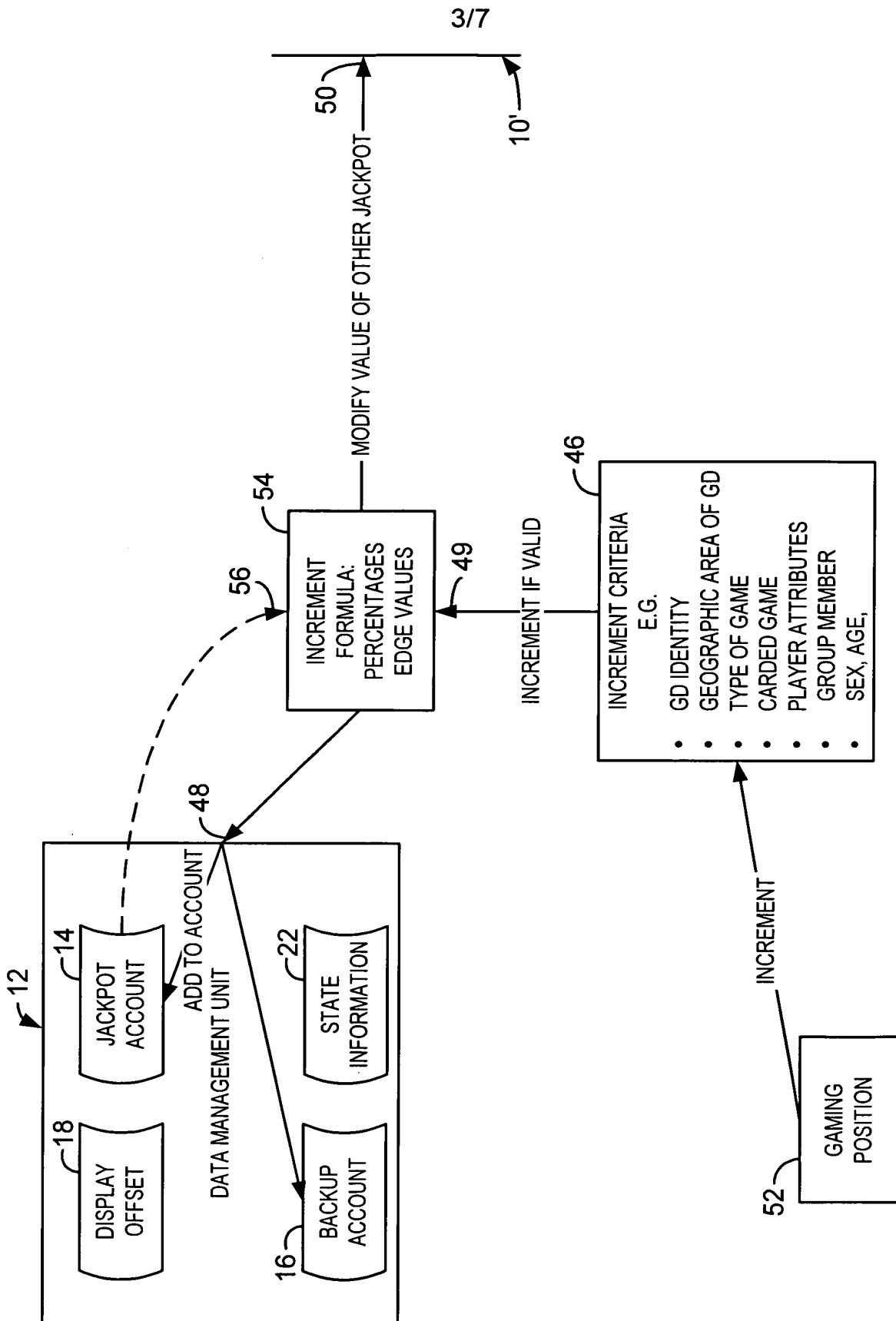


FIG. 2



**FIG. 3**

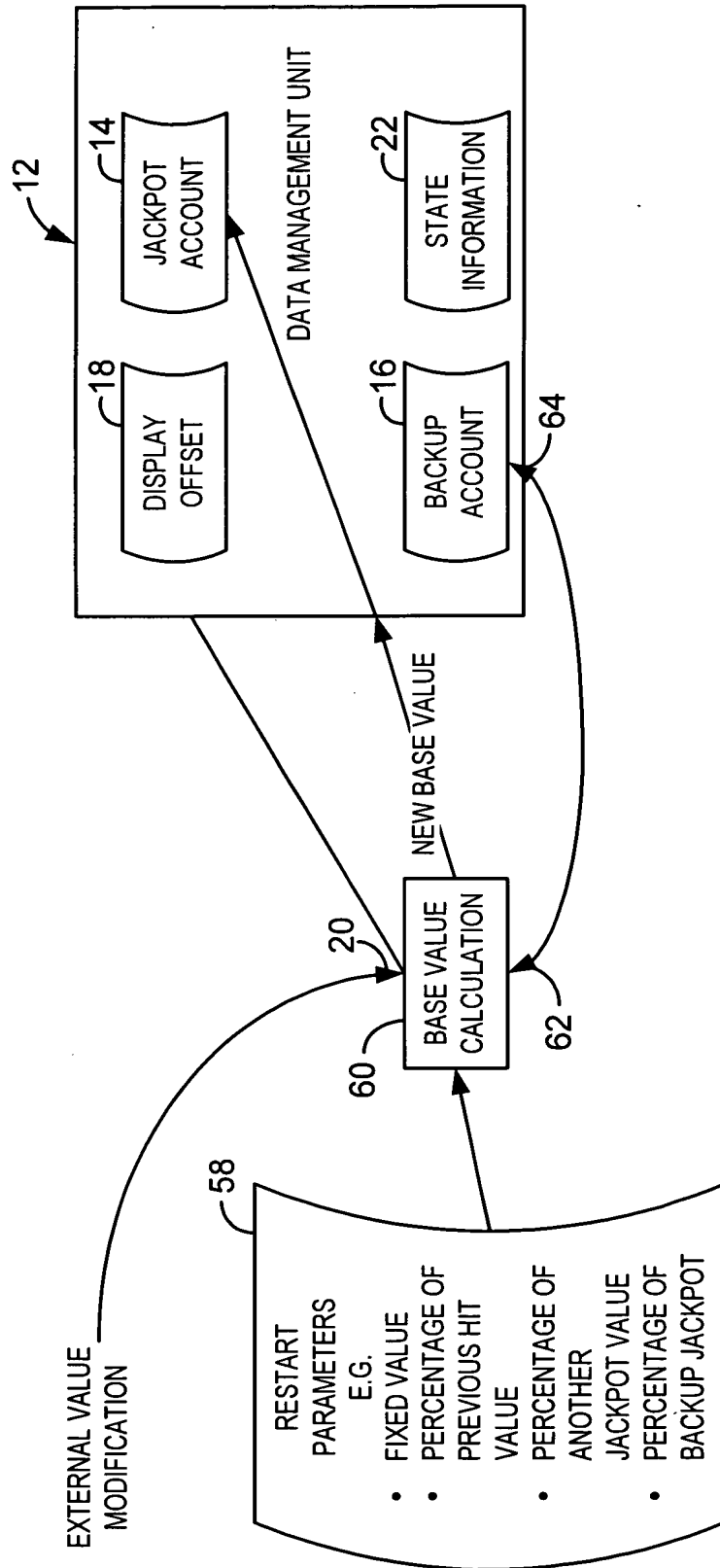
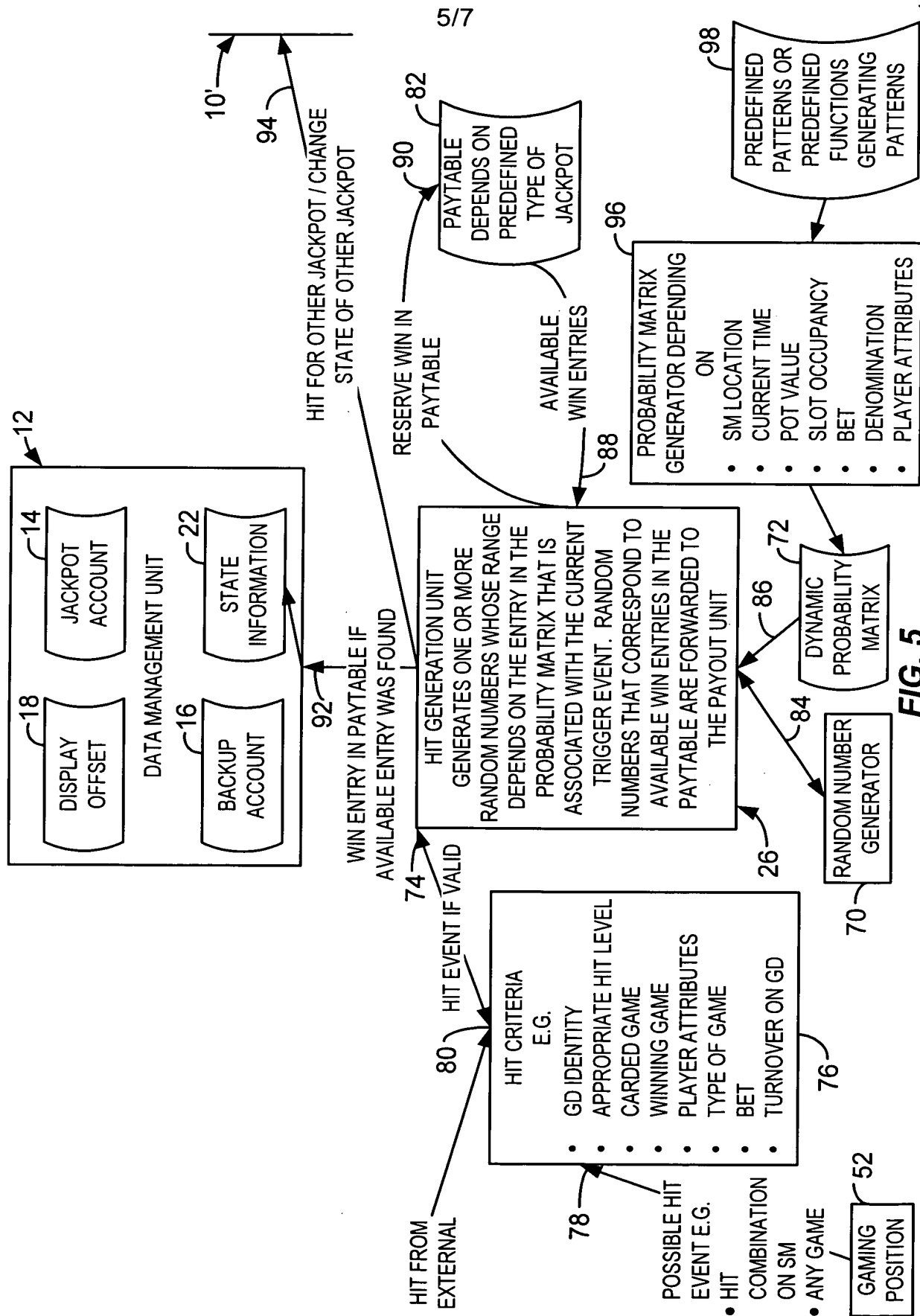


FIG. 4



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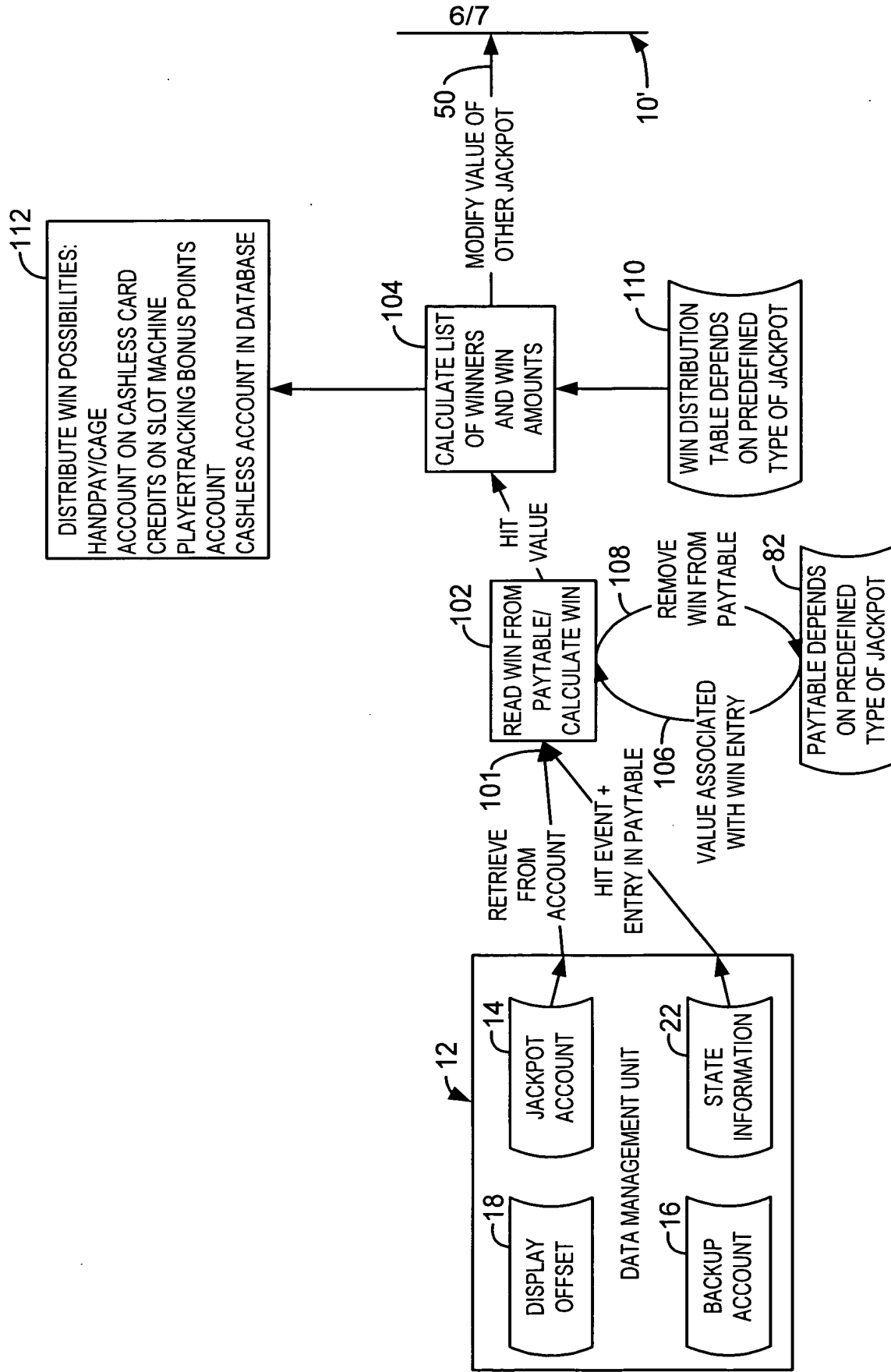
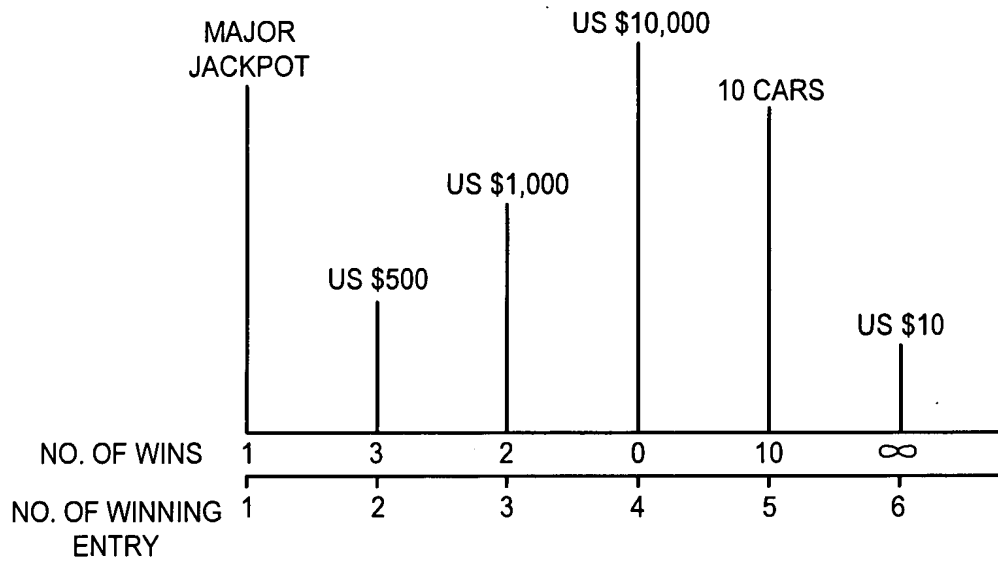


FIG. 6



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**FIG. 7**